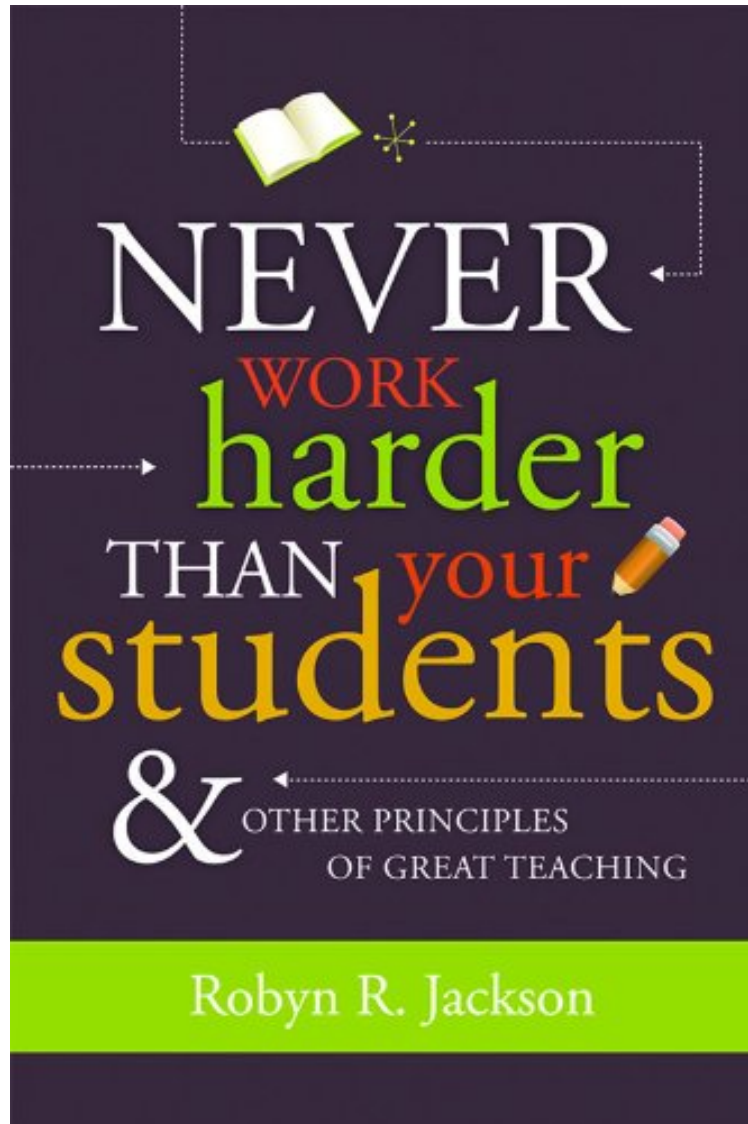


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Robyn R. Jackson : Never Work Harder Than Your Students and Other Principles of Great Teaching before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Never Work Harder Than Your Students and Other Principles of Great Teaching:

98 of 100 people found the following review helpful. Great Choice for a Teachers' Study Group By KC With its beguiling title, NEVER WORK HARDER THAN YOUR STUDENTS OTHER PRINCIPLES OF GREAT TEACHING will certainly attract the eye. The good news? The book is a lot more than just a catchy title. It's a well-

grounded argument for seven principles teachers should all adopt to help their students learn. It also draws pieces from a lot of the disparate research we've seen in other tomes: Marzano's and Wiggins', to name two of the more well known. Yet much of it remains her own, and her voice is both confident and distinct. Robyn Jackson breaks her book down into seven principles that -- with time, patience, and practice -- can make any teacher a master teacher (she contends they are made, not born, thank God). They are: 1. Start Where Your Students Are 2. Know Where Your Students Are Going 3. Expect to Get Your Students There 4. Support Your Students 5. Use Effective Feedback 6. Focus on Quality, Not Quantity 7. Never Work Harder Than Your Students As you can see, Jackson saves the best for last. Still, among these seemingly obvious principles, there's more than just a little controversy. What I liked best was how Jackson relates her experiences presenting this very material at professional development sessions. Better yet, she shares anecdotes of some of her toughest audiences (e.g. veteran high school teachers) who met her presentation with rolling eyes, crossed arms, and at times open derision. Jackson turned off her overhead and politely went toe-to-toe with them by opening the floor to their objections and concerns. The transcript is eye-opening, and there's more than one instance of such Doubting Thomas Moments included in the text. Yes, this book is of equal value to both rank rookie and seasoned veteran, and yes, it will make even seasoned veterans reconsider some of their most cherished habits. If you're not up for that, then why are you reading this review? To my mind, any teacher willing to read books on teaching is a teacher on a mission. This book will help that mission, I promise. Theory, pragmatic ideas, and even naysayers' doubts. It's all here. Recommendation: buy, share, and discuss with a fellow teacher (or, better yet, a fellow teaching staff). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Not that helpful for elementary teachers. By Teacher This is a good book, but most of the examples cited are for middle or high school. It's just a different mindset. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By Customer As described and well kept.

Is great teaching a gift that only a few of us are born with, or is it a skill that can be learned? In *Never Work Harder Than Your Students*, Robyn Jackson makes a radical assertion: Any teacher can become a master teacher by developing a master teacher mindset. The master teacher mindset can be achieved by rigorously applying seven principles to your teaching until they become your automatic response to students in the classroom. The more you practice these seven principles, the more you begin to think like a master teacher: 1. Start where your students are. 2. Know where your students are going. 3. Expect to get your students to their goal. 4. Support your students along the way. 5. Use feedback to help you and your students get better. 6. Focus on quality rather than quantity. 7. Never work harder than your students. Using these principles, Jackson shows you how to become a master teacher no matter where you are in your practice. Each chapter provides a detailed explanation of one of the mastery principles, the steps you need to take to apply them to your own practice, and suggestions for how you can begin practicing the principle in your classroom right away. Jackson offers stories from her own teaching practice, as well as from other teachers she has helped, to show you how each principle works. Teaching is a hard job, but using Jackson's principles will help you and your students reap the rich rewards of that hard work.